

122 - MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE

Operational Summary

Agency Description:

The Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force extensively investigates and vigorously prosecutes violations of the criminal code dealing with auto theft and distribution of stolen vehicles and automotive parts. The Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional Countywide unit that concentrates its activities on rings of professional vehicle thieves operating to steal, strip and/or sell motor vehicles and their parts.

At a Glance:

Total FY 1999-00 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance:	2,209,112
Total Final FY 2000-01 Budget:	3,620,161
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	6.00

Strategic Goals:

- To prosecute criminal violations involving motor vehicle theft occurring in Orange County in a vigorous, efficient, just and ethical manner.
- To reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft.

Key Outcome Measures:

Performance Measure	FY 99-00 Results	FY 00-01 Target	How are we doing?
PERCENTAGE OF FILED CASES RESULTING IN CONVICTIONS What: Measures level of effective, just prosecution Why: Indicates effectiveness of prosecution	97% of defendants were convicted in FY 98-99 (the last year of compiled data available)	Determine appropriate targeted outcomes for felonies and misdemeanors; Maintain or exceed targeted outcomes	This highly experienced unit has been very successful in building cases against major auto theft rings
NUMBER OF REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS What: Measures ability of achieving goal of reducing motor vehicle theft Why: Indicates service level and responsiveness of the Office	10,866 thefts reported in FY 98-99, a decrease from FY 97-98's 11,883 (FY 98-99 is the last year of compiled data available)	Continue to reduce the number of vehicle thefts reported	The Task Force has achieved reductions for seven consecutive years

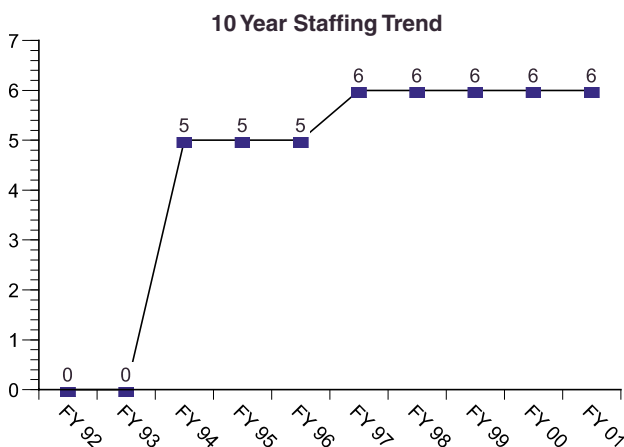
Fiscal Year 1999-00 Key Project Accomplishments:

- Note: The last year for which data has been compiled is FY 1998-99. Trends in FY 99-00 mirror the levels of FY 98-99.
- There were 484 investigations conducted and 154 surveillances.
- Complaints were filed in 83 cases.
- Cases were completed against 34 defendants, with 33 convictions.
- 324 vehicles with a value of \$2.8 million were recovered.

- There were 1,691 assists made to other agencies.
- There were 10,866 motor vehicle thefts reported in FY 98-99, a 9% reduction over FY 97-98 and the seventh consecutive reduction achieved by the Task Force.

O.C. VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE - This Unit is part of the Economic Crimes Unit, a vertical prosecution unit in the Felony Operations I Division of the Office of the District Attorney. The Task Force consists of two Deputy District Attorneys, one Investigator, an Accountant/Auditor II and two Attorney Clerk IIs.

Ten Year Staffing Trend:



Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- The Task Force began operations in the 1992-93 fiscal year. An increasing number of investigations led to a small increase in staff.

Budget Summary

Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

Motor vehicles are critical to the economic success of Orange County residents. The Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force has a key role in the core business of public safety. This multi-agency task force also supports the County's Strategic Priority of an integrated criminal justice system.

Final Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 1998-99 Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾	FY 1999-00 Final Budget	FY 1999-00 Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾	FY 2000-01 Final Budget	Change from FY 99-00 Actual	
					Amount	Percent
Total Positions	N/A	6	N/A	6	6	N/A
Total Revenues	2,282,686	2,298,000	2,357,953	2,370,000	12,047	0.51
Total Requirements	2,264,618	3,552,896	2,206,648	3,620,161	1,413,513	64.06
FBA	1,168,618	1,254,896	1,141,708	1,250,161	108,453	9.50

(1) Amounts include prior year expenditures and exclude current year encumbrances. Therefore, the totals listed above may not match Total FY 1999-00 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance included in the "At a Glance" section.

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE in the Appendix on page 392.

Highlights of Key Trends:

- The number of investigations, complaints filed, and vehicles recovered varies greatly from year to year. Even though the number of reported thefts continues to decline, it is expected that the number of investigations will remain stable. At this point, all of the resources available are used for investigations; more cases are dis-

covered than the Task Force can investigate as thoroughly as it desires. The conviction rate has always been very high because of the quality of the investigations and the cooperation among agencies. The number of defendants can vary widely; in one year, a single case had 87 defendants.